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had, on several occasions, brought this fact to the notice of the Government and prayed for additional funds for increasing the number of lights, but to no effect. The Committee had at present a balance of Rs. 4,818-6-0, a part of which might be utilized for providing more lights. In the circumstances, the Member urged the necessity of sanctioning additional funds towards the better lighting of the town.

Dewan's reply.—The Committee may move the Government again in the matter.

Supply of good water for drinking and other purposes for the people of the Alleppey town at least by sinking some tube wells.

The same Member pointed out that good water in the town was scarce, and that consequently the people were subjected to bad diseases, such as elephantiasis, by using impure water. The town of Alleppey was the chief commercial seaport of the State, and it was increasing day by day both in commerce and population. As such it was of the greatest importance that the town should be kept in a healthy, habitable state. The supply of pure water was a matter of pressing necessity. The Member urged that steps should be taken towards the realization of this object and he suggested that, for the present at least, some tube wells be opened at convenient centres of the town.

Dewan's reply.—A dozen tube wells will be sanctioned.

The necessity for additional grants for the T. I. C., Kayenkulam.

Mr. E. N. Kesava Pillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kayenkulam) stated that, of the towns that have been recently brought under the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, Kayenkulam was the most important from a commercial and historical point of view. The present grant of Rs. 500 was insufficient for maintaining properly the sanitation and lighting of the town and the Committee were handicapped in meeting the wants and expectations of the townsmen. The pay of the staff alone stood at Rs. 651 prior to the establishment of the T. I. C. The present staff was quite insufficient to look after the needs of the town. The Overseer was burdened with numerous works. An increase in the staff and of the grant was therefore highly essential. The T. I. Cs of Alwaye and Vaikom had other sources of income during cattle fairs, festivals, etc.; but Kayenkulam had none of these. For efficient working they required 2 overseers, 1 clerk, 2 peons, 1 lighter, 16 sweepers, 4 cartmen and 1 vaccinator, which would cost about Rs. 2,500. What could be made by taxation was only Rs. 1,000. The Member, therefore, prayed that an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 be sanctioned by the Government.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P.M.

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